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Applicants: Frederick Perner et al.

Examiner: Anh K. Phung

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Docket No.: 10017408-1

Title: Data Storage Device and Method of Forming the Same

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Please enter the following Response to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

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AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

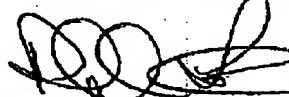
REMARKS

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states (portions omitted for brevity):

Perner et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,754,123), Ooishi ... as claimed in the independent claim 21.

Applicants agree that the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited limitations. The Examiner, however, did not cite all limitations from the claims. The present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the art of record does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims as actually recited in the claims themselves. Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim language, including all equivalents.

Respectfully submitted,



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